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Nepal Reluctant To Recognize Kosovo

[1](#)1. (C) On July 1, the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission (A/DCM) met with Foreign Secretary Gyan Chandra Acharya to urge the Government of Nepal (GON) to recognize Kosovo's independence. Acharya responded that recognition was a "very difficult issue." He indicated that the process by which Kosovo had ultimately obtained its independence, after the failure of negotiations with Serbia, as well as the current internal debate in Nepal on autonomy and self-determination were complicating factors. The Foreign Secretary claimed that, while two-thirds of European Union members had recognized Kosovo, one-third had yet to do so. He admitted that British Ambassador Hall had also approached him to push for recognition. Acharya stated that he had responded that the GON's expectation had been that the United Nations would reach consensus on the issue. Since that did not happen, he anticipated that the GON would eventually recognize Kosovo, but that step would be delayed.

Or To Support World Bank/IMF Membership

[1](#)2. (C) The A/DCM also urged the GON to support Kosovo's membership in the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Acharya mentioned that Nepal's central bank, Nepal Rastra Bank, had contacted him a day earlier to seek advice on Kosovo after being approached by the local IMF representative. The Foreign Secretary stated that, since the GON had not yet recognized Kosovo's independence, it would be inappropriate at this time to support Kosovo's membership in the World Bank and IMF.
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